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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 751  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Wilma Dykeman Stokely  
for her remarkable contributions as the official  
State Historian.

WHEREAS, it is with great pride that the General Assembly pays tribute to Wilma  
Dykeman Stokely for her outstanding contributions as the official State Historian; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stokely has published seventeen books and numerous articles,  
including several critically-acclaimed novels and histories of early Tennessee and a *Bicentennial  
History of Tennessee*; and

WHEREAS, her award-winning contributions to history and literature have consistently  
celebrated the people, traditions, and culture of the East Tennessee highland region; and

WHEREAS, a forceful advocate for conserving our state's natural beauty and resources,  
she was once honored as Tennessee's Conservation Writer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to defending and  
advancing the cause of civil rights in this state; and

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WHEREAS, Wilma Dykeman Stokely, as popular lecturer and versatile writer, has for decades been one of Tennessee's finest spokespersons; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we proudly honor Wilma Dykeman Stokely for her stalwart dedication, commitment, and unselfish service in making the heritage of the State of Tennessee accessible for this and future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.